

echidna SPEC :: read\_rbczbs

1. Reads Fourier harmonics of the boundary from file, and plots boundary surface on **cylindrical Poincare** window.
2. The boundary is described according to

$$R(\theta, \zeta) = \sum_j R_j \cos(m_j \theta - n_j N \zeta), \quad (1)$$

$$Z(\theta, \zeta) = \sum_j Z_j \sin(m_j \theta - n_j N \zeta), \quad (2)$$

where  $\theta$  is an arbitrary poloidal angle and  $\zeta \equiv \phi$  is the cylindrical angle, and  $N \equiv \text{Nfp}$  is the field periodicity.

3. This action is initiated by clicking on the read n,m,rbc,zbs button on the **geometry** tab. A window will open so the user can select the input file.
4. Files with extensions **.rbczbs**, **.rbc** and **.zbs** can be read in:
  - the **ext.rbczbs** file is expected to contain four columns containing  $n_j$ ,  $m_j$ ,  $R_j$  and  $Z_j$ ,
  - the **ext.rbc** file is expected to contain three columns containing  $n_j$ ,  $m_j$  and  $R_j$ ,
  - the **ext.zbs** file is expected to contain three columns containing  $n_j$ ,  $m_j$  and  $Z_j$ .
5. An arbitrary number of rows may be present in the input file.
6. After updating the widget with the new boundary geometry, the new boundary is overplotted on the **cylindrical Poincare** window in red.

read\_rbczbs.pro

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